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REGIONAL OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

WEATHER CONDITIONS IMPROVED TO SOME EXTENT IN THE VARIOUS PRODUCTION AREAS DURING THE WEEK, BUT PLANTED COTTON IS SAID TO BE MAKING ONLY FAIR PROGRESS. IF THESE ADVERSE CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO PREVAIL, THE COMING CROP WILL BE CONSIDERABLY LATER THAN DURING THE SEASON JUST CLOSED.

GOOD PROGRESS WAS MADE DURING THE PAST WEEK IN THE PREPARATION OF INDIVIDUAL GIN AND GROUP REPORTS. ALL ARIZONA REPORTS WERE COMPLETED AND FORWARDED TO THE PHOENIX OFFICE FOR DISTRIBUTION. WE NOW HAVE ONLY TWO COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA FOR WHICH REPORTS WILL HAVE TO BE PREPARED, AND UPON RECEIPT OF THESE FROM THE BAKERSFIELD OFFICE THIS PHASE OF OUR WORK WILL BE COMPLETED FOR THE SEASON. THE PREPARATION OF MASTER SHEETS IS ALSO MAKING FAIRLY GOOD PROGRESS, AND SHOULD BE READY FOR MAILING TO THE WASHINGTON OFFICE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

WE WERE GLAD TO HAVE MR. BLANKENBECKLER OF MCFADDEN BROS., FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AS A VISITOR DURING THE WEEK.

QUOTATIONS FROM FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORTS

BAKERSFIELD - WEATHER CONDITIONS GENERALLY HAVE BEEN VERY FAVORABLE, HOWEVER, HIGH WINDS WHICH PREVAILED FOR TWO DAYS EARLY IN THE WEEK CAUSED AN AVERAGE OF ONE GRADE LOSS TO THOSE POTATO GROWERS HAVING POTATOES HARVESTED DURING THIS TIME. AS FOR COTTON, IT IS STILL A LITTLE TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY UNFAVORABLE WEATHER WHICH OCCURRED DURING APRIL. A NUMBER OF GROWERS IN FRESNO AND MADERA COUNTIES HAVE REPLANTED FOR THE THIRD TIME. COTTON CHOPPING HERE IN KERN COUNTY SHOULD GET UNDER WAY BY THE 10TH OF THIS MONTH. AS COMPARED TO LAST YEAR, THIS IS ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATE. IN ALL PROBABILITY THE COTTON ACREAGE FOR THE VALLEY AS A WHOLE WILL SHOW A SLIGHT INCREASE. WE ARE NOT EXPECTING MUCH ACTIVITY IN OUR CLASSING ROOM, IN FACT, IT WILL BE LIMITED TO OCCASIONS WHEN WE WILL BE CARRYING ON PRACTICE CLASSING. SUFFICIENT SAMPLES WERE RETAINED FOR SUCH WORK, AND A NUMBER OF SXP SAMPLES WILL BE USED ALSO. THE LEASE FILE WAS COMPLETED AND FORWARDED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION FOR FURTHER HANDLING. THE WRITER RETURNED LATE WEDNESDAY FROM LOS ANGELES AFTER SPENDING TUESDAY AND A PORTION OF WEDNESDAY CALLING ON THE COTTON TRADE. MR. R. K. DORR, THE DEPARTMENT'S AGENT FOR THE COTTON INSULATION PROGRAM THERE IN LOS ANGELES, ACCOMPANIED THE WRITER SO AS TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THIS PHASE OF OUR WORK. IN THE FUTURE HE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST US IN CANVASSING THE LOS ANGELES COTTON TRADE REGARDING THE MARKET NEWS WORK. VERY LITTLE MARKET ACTIVITY PREVAILS IN IRRIGATED COTTON AS REPORTED BY THE LOS ANGELES COTTON TRADE. NO SALES OF EQUITIES OCCURRED EITHER OF THE 1942 OR 1943 CROP YEARS.....SMITH.

EL PASO - THE WEATHER HAS WARMED UP CONSIDERABLY DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS, AND IT NOW LOOKS LIKE SPRING MIGHT BE AROUND THE CORNER. HOWEVER, UNTIL RECENTLY WE HAVE BEEN HAVING SOME VERY COOL NIGHTS, ESPECIALLY SO IN THE NEW MEXICO TERRITORY, WHICH HAS RETARDED COTTON FROM COMING UP. THE COTTON IS PRACTICALLY ALL PLANTED NOW, BUT EVERYONE IS ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO SEE IF IT WILL COME UP TO NORMAL STANDS. VERY LITTLE IS UP TO GOOD STANDS YET, BUT IT IS HOPED THAT WITH CONTINUED WARM WEATHER ONLY A SMALL PERCENT WILL HAVE TO BE REPLANTED. OFFICE ACTIVITY HAS BEEN CONFINED TO REGULAR OFFICE ROUTINE, MOSTLY IN REGARD TO ORGANIZED GROUP WORK FOR THE COMING SEASON. THE WRITER AND MR. MACKEIL HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A FIELD TRIP TO NEW MEXICO. WHILE IN PORTALES, NEW MEXICO (ROOSEVELT COUNTY) WE WENT INTO DETAIL IN REGARD TO ORGANIZING ROOSEVELT COUNTY IN A COUNTY-WIDE GROUP, AND WE THINK THIS WILL BE WORKED OUT SUCCESSFULLY. IF THIS IS DONE, WE WILL HAVE ALL THE GROUPS IN OUR TERRITORY ORGANIZED AS COUNTY-WIDE GROUPS. MOVEMENT OF SPOT COTTON IS PRACTICALLY AT A STANDSTILL AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL STAY THAT WAY UNLESS MARKET CONDITIONS IMPROVE WHERE EQUITIES WILL BRING AT LEAST \$5.00 PER BALE TO THE PRODUCER. THERE CAN BE NO EXTENSIVE BUSINESS BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT SEASON UNLESS COTTON MOVES OUT OF THE LOAN...NISBETT.

PHOENIX - WARMER WEATHER HAS PREVAILED THIS WEEK, AND THIS IS THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SEASON THAT IT HAS BEEN WARM ENOUGH FOR THE PLANTED COTTON TO DO ANY GOOD. ALTHOUGH IT IS ESTIMATED THAT EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE COTTON HAS BEEN PLANTED AND APPROXIMATELY SIXTY PERCENT IS UP TO A STAND, IT WILL PROBABLY BE THE FIRST OF JUNE BEFORE PLANTING IS FULLY COMPLETED. THE COTTON THAT IS UP, HAS BEEN MAKING VERY POOR PROGRESS, AND IT APPEARS THAT THE CROP WILL BE SOMEWHAT LATER THIS

SEASON THAN LAST. CLASSING HAS CONSISTED WHOLLY OF THE CCC SXP THIS WEEK. WE HAVE BEEN MAKING STEADY PROGRESS ON THIS COTTON, AND HOPE TO HAVE IT FINISHED BY THE LAST OF NEXT WEEK. DUE TO ILLNESS IN THE FAMILY, MR. BUTTERWORTH LEFT WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR EL PASO; WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE FINE SERVICES HE RENDERED WHILE HERE, AND ARE SORRY THAT HE WAS NOT ABLE TO STAY UNTIL THE WORK WAS COMPLETED. ALL EG-6'S HAVE BEEN TABULATED AND SENT TO SAN FRANCISCO, FOR WORKING UP THE INDIVIDUAL GIN REPORTS. DR. MATLOCK HAS WRITTEN ALL THE COUNTY AGENTS ASKING THEM TO MAKE THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR NEXT SEASON'S CLASSING AND MARKET NEWS SERVICE, AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. WE RECEIVED OUR FIRST APPLICATION THURSDAY, OF THIS WEEK. PRACTICALLY ALL THE COTTON THAT WAS ELIGIBLE HAS EITHER BEEN SOLD OR PUT INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOAN. THE ONLY COTTON SELLING AT PRESENT IS BELOW GRADES, AND THAT IS GRADUALLY BEING DISPOSED OF AT TWELVE AND THIRTEEN CENTS. NO EQUITIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED SOLD.....CRITTENDON.

LOS ANGELES - THE WEATHER HAS BEEN FAIR THIS WEEK WITH STEADILY RISING TEMPERATURES RANGING FROM 61 TO 93 DEGREES, THE LATTER THE HIGHEST TO DATE FOR THE YEAR. PRODUCTION HAS BEEN VERY LOW THIS WEEK DUE TO A LACK OF ORDERS FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT. THEY ARE OPERATING THE FIRE-PROOFING EQUIPMENT BUILDING UP THE STOCK OF FLAME-PROOFED COTTON IN BALES. SHIPMENTS MADE SINCE LAST WEEKLY REPORT TOTALLED 20,286 NET POUNDS OF COTTON, MAKING A TOTAL OF 89,761 NET POUNDS SHIPPED TO DATE ON THIS ALLOTMENT.....DORR.

COTTON CLASSED, WESTERN REGION, THROUGH MAY 5, 1944.

	WEEK	SEASON						
	TOTAL	CROP	O.G.	FORM A	LOAN	FUTURES	OTHERS	TOTAL
BAKERSFIELD	84		327,108	3154			958	331,220
EL PASO	21		175,327	760			4065	180,152
PHOENIX	1900		122,946	192	292		3500	126,930
TOTAL	2005		625,381	4106	292		8523	638,302

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